



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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For: Apparatus for Connecting Fluid Conduits

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT "A"

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sirs::

Enclosed is the Preliminary Amendment that is respectfully submitted to amend the above referenced application. Please enter the enclosed preliminary amendment.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.